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Honor Comrades

Over 200 children attended the annual children's Christmas Party Sunday afternoon at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home 1632, on South St., Agawam.

Santa was on hand to greet the children and presented each child with a gift. Cup cakes, soda pop, pop corn, and candy canes



were served. Santa is pictured above with a few of the children.

Also pictured is a display at the Post Home honoring their war dead by Thomas Dickinson.

Winners of prizes were: Hi-Fi set to Vincent's Barber Shop, Prospect St., East Longmeadow; 2nd, Clock Radio, Mrs. Edward

Fusaro, St. James Cir., Springfield and 3rd, Case of Tonic, James Girard, North St., Agawam.

General chairman for the event was James Stellato, Youth Activities chairman, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Dickinson and Mrs. Mary Stellato.

Home for Holidays

RICHARD E. GINGRAS, JR.

Richard E. Gingras, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gingras of Monroe St., Agawam, arrived home Saturday from Fort Rucker, Ala., to spend the holidays with his parents. Richard just completed a two five-week courses on helicopters. He will report to Fort Dix, N. J., on Jan. 4th.

Jr. High Students Make Yule Gifts

Agawam Junior High School girls in the home-economics classes of Miss Margaret Connely and Mrs. Meredythe Olson are busily making gifts for Christmas.

The clothing classes are making smocked pillows as their project. Earlier this year they made small stuffed animals for distribution in children's hospitals.

The food classes are preparing Christmas cookies, candies and candles as their Christmas gifts, and have also made cookies for the Junior Red Cross and Veteran's Hospital. Cookies made this year are Russian teacakes, Spritz, and old-time sugar cookies. A recipe for mashed potato candy by Kathy Crouse was made as well as orange snowballs and munchy crunches using chow mein noodles. Candles have been made from blocks of paraffin or melted and into various household containers for different sizes and shapes. The home economics department is really buzzing with activity as girls have the experience of creating gifts for others.

Career Conferences January At AHS

Mr. David Skolnick, guidance director at the Agawam High School announces the Career conferences for the month of January. The conferences are held each Wednesday morning at 8 in the school auditorium and are open to students and faculty members.

January 6—Conference speaker will be Mrs. Shirley Carpenter, Employment Officer, for Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Springfield. Her topic will be "Job Opportunities at Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Company."

January 13—"Banking as a Career", guest speaker to be Mr. James Coffee, Personnel Officer, of

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Coin-Stamp Club Yule Party Sunday

The East Longmeadow Coin and Stamp Club will hold its annual Christmas party this Sunday, at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, East Longmeadow. All members and guests are requested to bring a gift not over \$1.00 in value to exchange.

A contest on stamps of the United Nations and coinage of the United Nation charter members will be held with prizes.

Refreshments will be free to all members. Election of 1965 officers will be held.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Hammond Files Driving License Suspension Bill

The power of the Registry of Motor Vehicles to suspend a driving license for any speeding complaint would be placed in "more reasonable perspective" under the terms of a bill filed with the Legislature by State Senator George D. Hammond.

"I do not dispute the fact that we must use every means at our disposal to reduce the accident toll on Massachusetts highways," the Hampden-Berkshire legislator said, "and my proposed bill is

certainly not intended to include motorists apprehended for flagrant violations. But I do believe there has to be an effective check to protect those people who lose their licenses for seven days because they drove a few miles above the speed limits."

Senator Hanimond's bill specifies that the Registrar of Motor Vehicles shall not suspend any driving license on account of speeding unless the license holder has been convicted of three such offenses in one year.

"My bill does not eliminate motorist responsibility," Senator Hammond said, "because the offending driver can still be taken into court, under the provisions of highway procedures, and may be fined, if found guilty."

Senator Hammond said he has filed this legislation "in response to repeated complaints, and I mean a large number of complaints. People are losing their licenses for seven days or more because they went five or 10 miles above the speed limit, and in a great many cases their licenses have been taken away even after

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Holidays at Home

WILLIAM DRZYZGA, JR.

Airman 2nd Class William Drzyzga, Jr., arrived home Sunday to spend the holidays with his family. Airman Drzyzga is the son of Mrs. William Drzyzga of Leeland Ave., Agawam, and the late William Drzyzga. He will return to the U. S. Air Force Kingsley Field Base, Oregon, on Jan. 8th.

Group Entertains At Ring Nursing Home

Mrs. James Dulong of Agawam and a local group of young entertainers recently presented a special Christmas program for patients at the Ring Nursing Home, Springfield.

Mrs. Dulong and other members of WAC Veterans, Chapter 35, served refreshments in each of the three Ring homes in that city and introduced the program.

Featured performers were accordionist Carol Rothus, Agawam, and two brothers, Marcel and Michael Veillieux, also of Agawam, who play accordion and guitar.

The patients also heard Christmas carols sung by the Jolly Singers, a choral group at Agawam Junior High School.



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CHURCH NEWS

BAPTIST CHURCH

*Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary*

Thursday—11 p.m. The annual Candlelighting Christmas Eve Service will be held in the Sanctuary . . . Celestial and Senior Choirs will sing and Dean Jevons will be the soloist. There will be an organ and piano duet. Rev. Lockhart will bring the meditation entitled "And From the Fullness." The service will conclude with the individual candlelighting service.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m. Two Morning Worship Services . . . Rev. Lockhart will preach at both worship services on the theme "What a Difference a Day Makes." The Choralier and Melody Choirs sing at first service and Senior Choir sing second service;

9:30 and 10 a.m. Church School for all; 6 p.m. Junior High BYF meet at church; 6 p.m. Senior BYF meet at church.

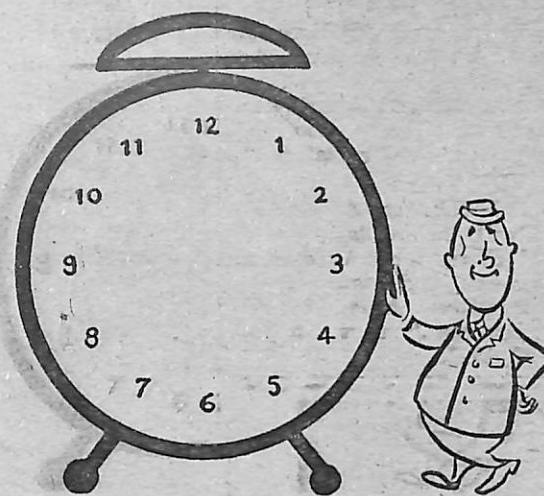
Tuesday—7 p.m. The Celestial choir rehearse at church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., Trading post will not be open.

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*Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. Andrew G. Toussaint, Minister of Music*

Sunday—9 a.m. Church School Nursery — Grade 6; Church at Morning Worship . . . Sermon: "The Clock and the Calendar"; 10 a.m. Adult Bible Class; Church School Grades 7-12; 11 a.m. Church School Nursery—Grade 6; Church at Morning Worship . . . Sermon: "The Clock and the Calendar."

Monday—7:30 p.m. Special Council meeting; 8 p.m. Church meeting.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior High Choir rehearsal.

Wednesday—6:30 p.m. Merriviews supper meeting.

LAY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister

Mrs. H. Binns, Organist

Mrs. M. Keyes, Sr. Choir Director

Mrs. R. Ashton Jr. Choir Director

Thursday—CHRISTMAS EVE . . . 11 a.m. Candlelight Communion Service.

Sunday—9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Worship Service . . . nursery provided for infants; No Fellowship Hour.

Monday—9:30 a.m. Commission on Missions meet at home of Mrs. Thomas Williams.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.

Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney, Pastor

Mrs. Frederick Nardi, Organist

Mrs. David Meyer, Jr. Choir Dir.

Mrs. Aileen Kellogg, Jr. Choir

Assistant

Thursday—CHRISTMAS EVE

10:30 p.m. Senior choir meet; 11:30 p.m. Candlelight Service in sanctuary.

Sunday—No Church School; 11 a.m. Worship Service, Family Sunday . . . nursery in session; Junior and Cherub choirs will sing and there will be a story for the youngsters; A special meeting of the members will follow the service.

Tuesday—8 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in Spear Room.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Dominic A. Ruscetta, CPS Rector.

Rev. James T. Cunningham, CPS, Assistant.

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 7 a.m.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Communion Service; 10 a.m. Morning Worship; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. John Cesan, Secretary

Mrs. John MacPherson and

Mr. Harry Prior,

Music Directors

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 11:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. until about 9 that evening will be caroling throughout the community.

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Sunday—10 a.m. Morning Worship Service at Storowton Church . . . Sunday School in session; 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday School Christmas party.

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Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, there will be the Festival Service of Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m. This ancient and traditional service is also known as the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and originated in England in Kings Chapel, at Cambridge University. This service was devised by the Dean of King's Chapel, the Very Rev. Milner White, who used as his model a service instituted by Archbishop Benson of Truro Cathedral. The Nine Lessons are interspersed with Christmas Chorales and Prayers ascribed to the Glory and Mighty Acts of God.

Christmas Eucharist

Beginning at 11:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the Christmas midnight Communion — at this service there will be the singing of the beloved Christmas Carols, together with special anthems by the choir. During the lighting and reading of the Christmas Gospel the Bach Chorale will be sung.

There will be the service of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 9 a.m.

Saturday, the Feast of St. Stephen, Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

Monday evening, Dec. 28th, at 7 p.m. the annual children's Christmas party will be held in the parish hall. This party features St. Nicholas, with his store of good things, together with Carol singing and a special program of entertainment.

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New Library Books

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ADULT FICTION

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Anderson, Poul — Trader to the stars

Arnothy, Christine — The captive cardinal

Cooper, Elizabeth A. — The hostages

Disney, Doris Miles — The departure of Mr. Gaudette

Fletcher, Lucille — The strange blue yawl

Gunther, John — The lost city

Jay, Simon — Death of a skin diver

Jenkins, Elizabeth — Brightness O'Rourke, Frank — Instant gold

Patten, Lewis B. — Giant on horseback

Taylor, Robert Lewis — Two roads to Guadalupe

ADULT NON-FICTION

DeCamp, L. Sprague — The ancient engineers

Fadiman, Clifton — Party of twenty

Harris, Jed — Watchman, what of the night?

Nizer, Louis — Between you and me

Tregaskis, Richard — Vietnam diary

TEEN-AGE FICTION

Holding, James — The mystery of the false fingertips

Holmvik, Oyvind — Dive to Dancer, choice.

Pundt, Helen Marie-Zenty

Summers, James L. — The amazing Mr. Tenterhook

White, Robb — The survivor

Wilson, Charles M. — The great turkey drive

TEEN-AGE NON-FICTION

Clark, Frank — Contemporary math

Coolidge, Olivia — Edith Wharton, 1862-1937

Darby, Ray — The space age sport, skydiving

Meyer, Edith P. — Meet the future

Nathan, Raymond — Careers in airlines operations

It's a Holiday

First of the United States to give recognition to Christmas Day as a legal holiday was Alabama, in 1836.

IDEAS VARY ON CUSTOMS OF YULE

Some people enjoy a White Christmas, while some people go swimming or picnicking on December 25. Some people say it's traditional to serve turkey at the holiday feast, while some people favor a Christmas goose, and still others contend that carp or fried eel is the very thing for a tasty Yuletide dish.

Around the world, Christmas customs vary, but on one point nearly all are agreed. It's a season to celebrate.

In the United States and Canada, the "melting pot" origins of the population result in a medley of Christmas traditions from all over. Americans and Canadians from Central Europe still prepare their traditional Yuletide foods with carp, while those from Italy might hanker for some Christmas caponata, made with fried eels.

Especially during a severe winter, residents of the Northern U.S. and Canada would be glad to change places, or at least change weather, with those Australians, South Americans and others who enjoy summer activities at Christmas.

On the other hand, North Americans have made their own contributions to Christmas around the world. For instance, there's Santa, white-bearded and red-suited, who is now replacing St. Nicholas and other Yule gift givers in many countries.

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In Germany

The celebration of a West German Christmas is filled with tradition, foremost of which is the Christmas tree, dating back 400 years. Until recently, trees were trimmed with candles, and although artificial lighting for tree ornaments has been introduced, the candles are still preferred by many.

In South Pacific

For Fiji Islanders, Christmas starts at 2 a.m., when carolers wake the villagers with serenades. At dawn, when everyone is awake and assembled, some attend church while others take care of preparing the feast.

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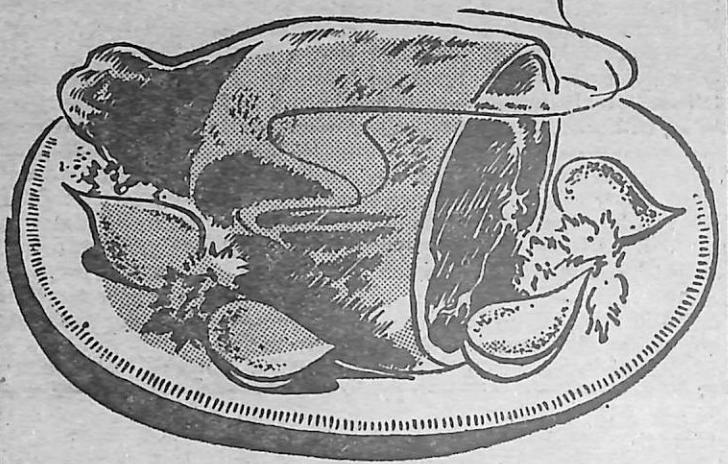
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Early Paintings Tell Christmas Story — And Story of Changing Times

From earliest times, artists found, in the story of the Nativity and the events surrounding it, a source of inspiration and a challenge to their talents. The Madonna and child, the Holy Family, the Magi, the manger scene—these are the subjects that have engendered some of the world's most famous paintings.

And, as students of both art and history know, such paintings not only portray a scene, they also tell something of the times in which they were painted.

As the Middle Ages drew to a close and the Renaissance dawned, new light was spreading over the world.

Mid-15th-century artists were turning from theories of painting which depicted more stylized poses and ornate detail, liberally touched with gilt, to an approach which emphasized more realistic, lifelike figures and landscapes, as seen in paintings of humble peasants adoring the Christ Child, true to life stable animals and even blacksmiths working in the background of the manger.

In "Adoration of the Magi," a painting by Giovanni di Paolo which is now in the National Gal-

lery of Art in Washington, D. C., the Three Kings are depicted in an elaborate, decorative style. The background of the painting, however, shows a more lifelike interpretation. The landscape of fields dotted with crops, crisscrossed with roads and bathed in sunlight is refreshing—and a treatment new to the times.

Another "The Adoration of the Magi" at the National Gallery is even more indicative of a world in transition. This tondo (circular) painting was begun by one artist, Fra Angelico, and finished by another, Fra Filippo Lippi. The principal part of the painting, attributed to Fra Angelico, has an idealized, other-worldly atmosphere.

Realism appears in the solid, substantial figures of the foreground — typical Renaissance forms, the work of Fra Filippo.

Both of these "Adorations" were painted in tempera on wood. Tempera, a mixture of pigments and dyes with egg yolk to produce a dull finish on a surface prepared with egg white for adhesion, was a common medium for medieval Italian artists.

In "The Nativity," also in the

National Gallery, the Flemish artist Petrus Christus used oil paints on wood, thus marking another advance of the early Renaissance. Flemish artists were the first to use oil extensively in painting; formerly, it had been used only in glazes for tempera paintings.

A study of "The Nativity" shows that the figures of Petrus' painting are very natural and realistic. Joseph is an ordinary Flemish peasant, the Christ Child a lifelike new-born Baby. Space perspective, too, begins to show a more realistic treatment.

To achieve greater realism, these 15th century artists became the technicians and scientists of their age. They ground and mixed their own pigments to achieve the colors they wanted. And they carefully observed nature, even undertaking anatomical studies.

Thus, as the darkness of the Middle Ages faded, artists, in more than one way, spread the light of the Renaissance.

Use Care With Fire During Yule Season

During the Christmas season, smokers are urged to use extreme care with fire, particularly around the Christmas tree.

Anyone who has seen a Christmas tree ablaze needs little convincing of the quickness and intensity with which it burns, especially when it has lost its freshness.

So do your smoking away from the tree, and, by all means, get rid of a tree that is dried out before it gets rid of you.

HOLY TREE BLOOMS EVERY CHRISTMAS

Every Christmas, the phenomenon is the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D. C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea neared Glastonbury, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper.

While pausing to rest at the top of a hill overlooking the town,

he drove his staff in the ground, where it immediately took root. The next day, Christmas Eve, it had turned into a thorn tree covered with blossoms.

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Christmas Greetings

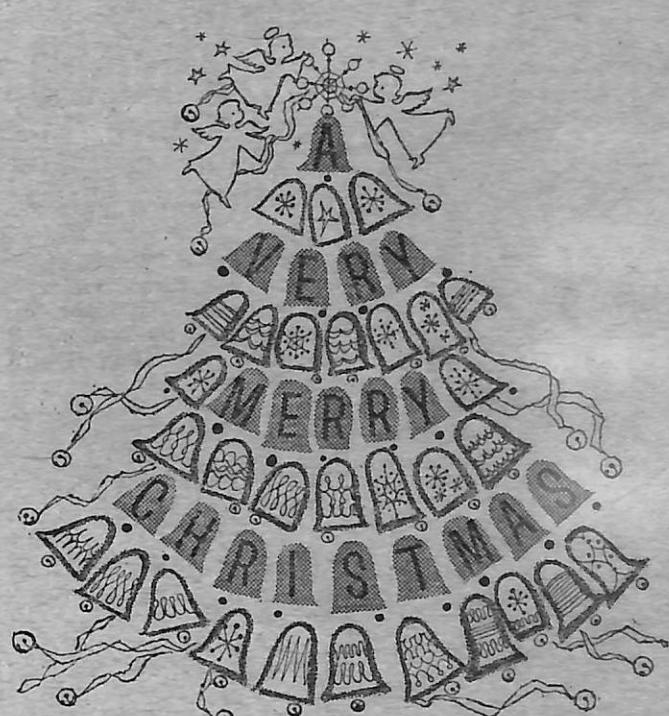
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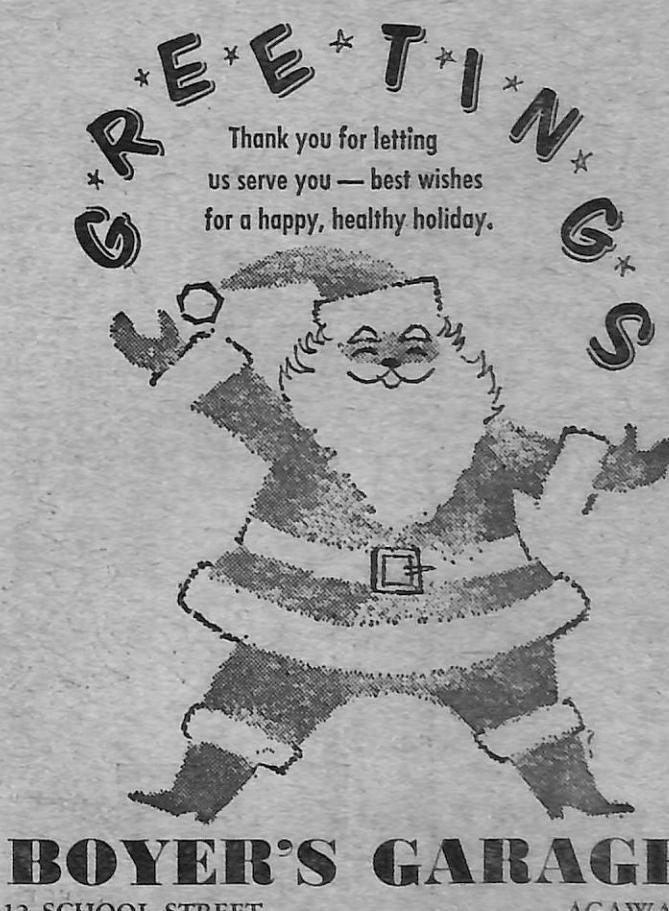
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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Shakespeare called play
Twelfth Night, but he chose
different subject

"After dinner to the Duke's House, and there saw "Twelfth Night" acted well, though it be but a silly play and not related at all to the name."

So wrote the English diarist, Samuel Pepys, in recording the events of January 6, 1663.

Later critics have taken a more enthusiastic view of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" than did Mr. Pepys, but they have to agree that the comic gambol bears no relationship to its title. Apparently, the play was so named because it had been written to be performed on Twelfth Night.

Had Shakespeare chosen to do it, he had ample materials at hand to create a play that was really about "Twelfth Night."

Epiphany, the Twelfth Night of Christmas, traditionally the night when the Magi brought gifts to the Christ Child was a most important festival in Shakespeare's time, and many customs surrounded it.

Characters ready for Shakespeare's pen were such traditional folk as "Patrick O'Tater," "Lady Bluestocking," "Captain Blunderbuss," and others. At Twelfth Night frolics, the young people, especially, dressed themselves in costumes to suggest these characters.

Shakespeare, however, preferred to write of Sir Toby Belch, Malvolio, Olivia and others, and critics can only speculate upon what might have been if he had taken "Twelfth Night" for his theme as well as his title.

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This year Marlene received a "Certificate of Achievement" for being featured in the 1964 Edition of "Who's Who in Baton Twirling." This book contains twirling facts, records and pictures of America's twirling champs as well as those who are conspicuous in the twirling field. This year she attended "Camp in the Dells" a baton twirling clinic in Wisconsin. The young Miss is a member of the National Baton Twirling Association, The World Twirling Association and the Rhode Island Baton Twirling Association. Marlene has been taking lessons for three years and has 68 trophies and 28 medals to date. Her teacher is Mary Farina. Marlene has been taking ballet

and toe dancing for six years and two years of modern jazz at Miss Anita's dance studio, and has appeared in numerous shows. She is a fifth grade pupil at South Elementary School.

In New Zealand

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SUFFIELD STREET

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Why a Tree?

Why a tree at Christmas? One early legend says that all the trees burst into bloom on the night Christ was born.

Folk tales of ancient times tell of a huge tree in a forest, lighted with many candles, some of which were straight and some bent. At the top was an Infant with a halo.

The tree was meant to represent humanity, the candles, people good and bad; and the Infant, the Baby Jesus.

Another explanation links today's Christmas tree to ancient feasts of the winter equinox, when trees were adorned with trinkets.

St. Boniface, an English missionary to Germany, is said to have told converts that the fir should be their holy tree, replacing the oak, sacred in Druid tree worship, and thus beginning the custom of a decorated fir.

Many are the legends, but one thing is certain. Nowadays Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the tree.



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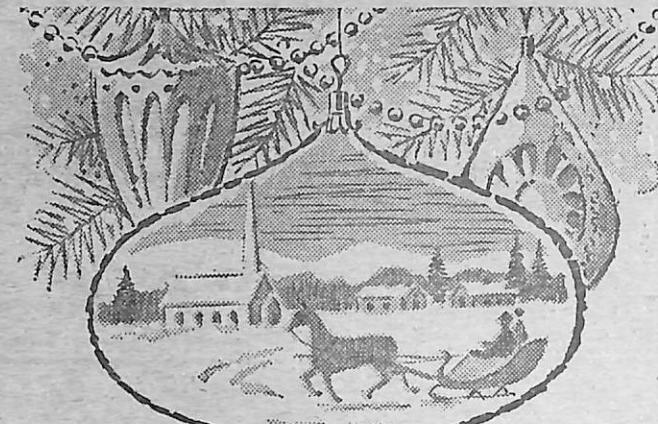
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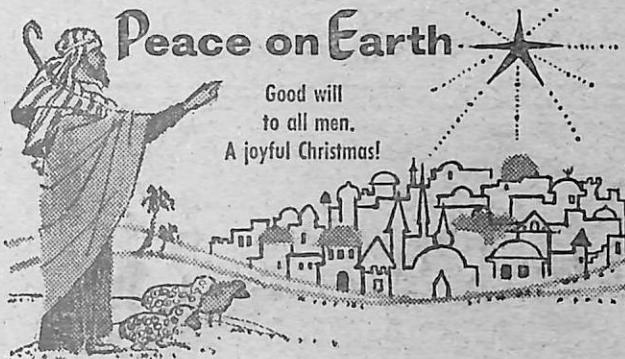
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For Christmas Enjoyment, Traditional Recipes Featured Plum Pudding As Favorite Finale of Feast

By MARIE DILLON

For centuries, plum pudding has provided a flaming finale to the traditional Christmas feast.

Early in the 18th century, English cooks used the following quaintly-worded recipe in making their holiday dessert:

"Take a quarter of a Peck of Flower and dry it, three Pounds of Currrans, washed and picked clean, set them before a Fire to dry, half a Pound of Raisins of the Sun, wash'd and stoned and shred small, half a Pound of blanch'd Almonds, beat very fine with Rose-Water, a Pound of Butter melted with a Pint of Cream, but not put in hot, a Pint

a baking; then draw it, and waft it over with a Brush, and put it in again for half a quarter of an Hour."

A 19th century recipe for plum pudding suggests that just before serving, the holiday hostess turn it out of the bowl and put on top of it a few squares of cut sugar. Then she should pour on a little brandy, set it afire and proudly present it to her guests.

The author of this same Victorian recipe cautiously urges that "only a little be given to the young people, as it might affect them."

Today, plum pudding, from Mother's modern kitchen or the neighborhood bakery, still retains its position among the traditional Christmastime treats.



of Ale-Yeast, a Penny-worth of Saffron steep'd in a Pint of Sack, ten or twelve eggs, but half the Whites of them, a quarter of an ounce of Cloves and Mace, one large Nutmeg grated, a few Carraway-Seeds, Citron, Candied Orange and Lemon Peel slic'd; you must make it thin, or there must be more butter and Cream; You may perfume it with Amborgreece ty'd in a Muslin Bag, and steep'd in the Sack all Night.

"If you ice it, take half a Pound of Double-refin'd Sugar sifted; then put some of the Sugar, and beat it up with the White of an Egg, and beat it with a Whish, and a little Orange flower-water, but do not over-wet it, then throw in all Sugar by Degrees, then beat it all near an Hour; the Cake will take so long

White House Guides Yule Traditions

Many of the cherished traditions which make Christmas merrier in the United States had their first start in the White House.

George Washington, first President of the United States, surrounded himself with family and grandchildren at cheerful Christmas parties, and set the theme of a "merry Christmas" for his country. Washington also furthered the use of American holly as a decoration by growing the glossy-leaved tree on his estate at Mount Vernon.

Andrew Jackson was fond of giving large, colorful parties for young and old on Christmas Day. Frozen ices, a novelty at that time, were served, and there was a small, frosted pine tree, surrounded by toys.

Franklin Pierce introduced the modern Christmas tree to the White House in 1856.

Benjamin Harrison, in 1889, told reporters he planned an "old fashioned Christmas" including a Christmas tree, for his family, and urged others to join him in observing the custom.

Conservation-minded Theodore Roosevelt once refused to allow a Christmas tree in the White House. His son, Archie, smuggled one in, however, and the President finally relented.

First lighting of the National Christmas Tree at the White House was observed in 1923, when Calvin Coolidge was President.

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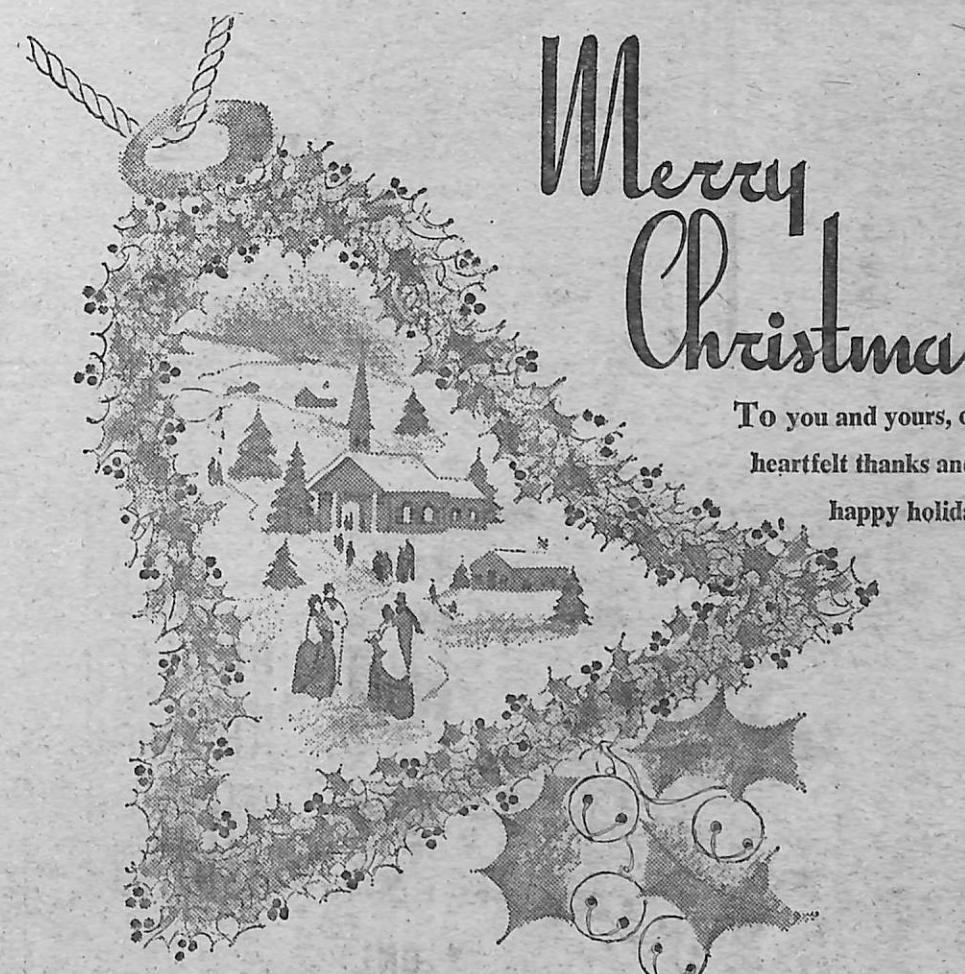
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Assembly

The members of the football team were given awards at the

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assembly that took place on Dec. 18. Mr. Leonardi announced that the annual football banquet will be held on Jan. 30, at the Agawam cafeteria. The public is invited to attend.

Sports

The Hockey team played Chic-

opee Com. Dec. 14. The score was 5 to 1 in favor of Chicopee. On Dec. 17, the Hockey team played Pittsfield and tied the score 3 to 3.

The Basketball team played Longmeadow Dec. 13 and lost by a score of 57 to 55.

Clubs

The Personality Club held its Christmas party Dec. 14, members exchanged gifts. Refreshments were served.

Spanish

The Spanish Club had its Christmas party with club members taking part in breaking a Pinata.

Cabaret

The cabaret was held Dec. 17th at the Agawam High School. The junior class did a fine job preparing for this big event. For entertainment the "Enchantments" played. Many old students were seen at this festive occasion and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Message Of Christmas Lives Anew

"And lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." Matthew 2:9.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger." Luke 2:16.

From two who became His disciples come the words that tell the story of the Holy Night, the first Christmas. Matthew the tax collector wrote of the Star that shone in the east, and of wise men who followed it to find and worship Him.

Luke the physician wrote of shepherds watching in the fields and herald angels singing in the heavens.

At church services during this Christmas season the words of the tax collector and the physician will be read and studied once again, with ever-deepening meaning.

And as the story is told anew, it is also reflected in the many observances of Christmas, both in churches and in homes.

The joyful sound of carols harks back to the first of all carols, the words of the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

The glow of candles symbolizes the birth of Christ as the Light of the World, and it also mirrors the eternal gleam of the Star of Bethlehem.

The spirit of giving takes guidance from the gifts of the Wise Men, who brought gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him.

Above all, at Christmas, man-

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kind experiences once again the reverence, wonder and rejoicing of the wise men, of whom Matthew says.

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary and His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him."

Hanging up stockings thus became part of the holiday ritual.

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Christmas is here. And because Christmas is here, steps are lighter, smiles are brighter, hearts are merrier.

On the way to Christmas, there may have been hours when everything seemed just too hectic—too many plans to make, too much to do, too little time. But as the great day arrives, there is time to pause, to see and to treasure the glow and the story of Christmas. Then it is clear that every moment of preparation, every personal effort to make Christmas more complete was indeed well worth it.

Hammond Files . . .

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they have been found not guilty by the courts.

"In my opinion, there should be no suspension by the Registry of Motor Vehicles in the case of speeding a few miles above the speed limit. The courts are set up to provide the punishment."

Senator Hammond said that today "a driving license is no longer merely a privilege, as was once declared by the courts. Years ago, when people lived in central communities and many types of public transportation were available, a driving license might have been considered a privilege."

"But today, public transportation facilities are not extensive, and many people live in suburban communities. They depend on their driving licenses for their jobs. And I do not believe that working men and women should be subjected to loss of income—and even of their jobs—because of what can be termed minor speeding complaints. The power of the Registry of Motor Vehicles is placed in more reasonable perspective, as it needs to be, under the terms of my bill."

"In particular, I do not believe the Registry of Motor Vehicles should have the authority to take away a driving license when the courts have found the driver innocent. This seems to me an excellent example of supersession of the authority of our courts."

In Russia

Russian children hang up their stockings on New Year's Eve, in anticipation of Grandfather Frost's visit. Though Communists eliminated the religious celebration of Christmas, they allowed the children's festivities of the season to remain.

Joins Marines



THOMAS J. KRYGOWSKI

Thomas James Krygowski, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Krygowski, Jr., of Beauchamp Ter., Chicopee Falls, has enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps for four years and will leave for Parris Island, S. C., Jan. 7th. He is a June graduate of Chicopee High School, where he was active on the Soccer team. Mr. Krygowski enlisted with an aviation school guarantee billet and after basic training will report to the Marine Aviation School Command at Memphis, Tenn.

Thomas is the grandson of Mr. Stanley Krygowski, Sr., and nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krygowski and Mr. and Mrs. David Gallano, all of Ley St., Agawam.

Posted highway speed limits are for normal conditions when highways are slippery with snow or ice, it may be necessary to reduce your speed by as much as half—or more—than posted limits allow.



Merry Christmas!

Feast of Stephen . . .

"Good King Wenceslas looked out on the feast of Stephen."

This familiar carol commemorates two famous men. One is King Wenceslas, who ruled in Bohemia in the 10th century A.D. He was noted for his generosity to the poor, and practiced this generosity on Christmas and on St. Stephen's Day, December 26.

St. Stephen was the first Christian martyr, noted in legend as a follower of Christ who, at the time of the Nativity, had been in the service of King Herod. When he was permitted to see the Star, he left Herod to serve the Child.

Today the "feast of Stephen" is remembered primarily because of the carol, "Good King Wenceslas." His day is now more commonly observed, especially in England and Canada, as Boxing Day, when presents are given to servants and others who have rendered services throughout the year.

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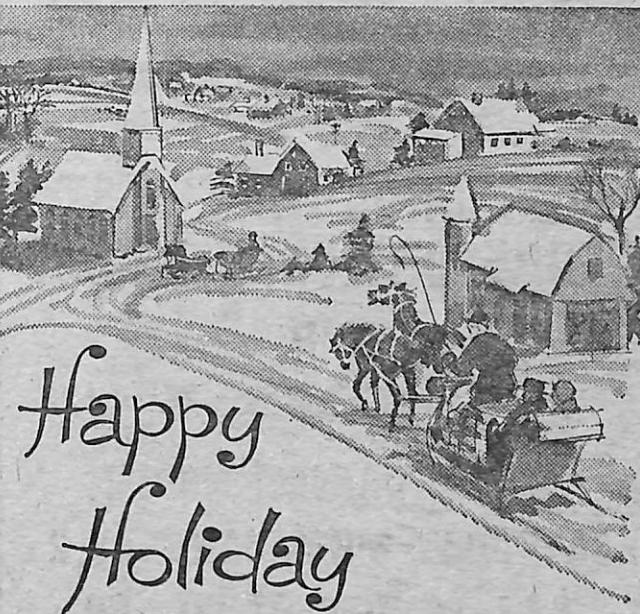
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Frank G. Spadone, operator of the Ampere Rare Coin Company, East Orange, said the \$15,000 coins was en route from the purchaser of the penny, Walter Faris of Bristol, Tenn.

He accepted the coins as payment rather than \$12,000 in cash. The dealer said he has three other 1943 coppers in his possession and knows of four others in existence.

But the Treasury in Washington said it would be impossible for Mr. Spadone or anyone else to have any 1943 copper pennies.

"It's a counterfeit if he's got one," said a spokesman. "There were no copper pennies minted that year, only zinc pennies. He may have one of those that's copper plated."

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**Christmas
In Bethlehem**

Americans who dream of a white Christmas with Santa Claus popping down the chimney to the tune of "Jingle Bells" can thank assorted writers and poets and the northern climate. Christmas in the land of Christ's birth, however, is another matter.

What is Christmas like in Bethlehem?

There's generally no snow, for one thing, for winters are mild in the Judean Hills around Bethlehem, reports World Book Encyclopedia. No Santa Claus listens to children's pleas, for he's an American invention based on a European saint. And there's probably no decorated Christmas tree in the village square; that custom originated in Germany.

Instead, the focal point of Christmas in Bethlehem is the Church of St. Mary of the Nativity, supposedly built over the spot where Jesus was born. Here pilgrims from all over the world gather on Christmas Eve. First there is carol-singing in the square facing the church. Then all enter for the solemn midnight mass. After the service, an image of Christ is carried in a procession down into the grotto, and is placed in a manger where it lies until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

After this ceremony, some may wander into the fields outside the town, where perhaps shepherds long ago heard the news of the birth of Christ.

All this takes place, of course, on the eve of December 25. But that's no end of Christmas in Bethlehem. For the Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate the holiday on January 6, and the Armenians observe it on January 18, which is January 6 according to the old style, or Julian calendar.

In Greece

Young people of Greece foretell their romantic future at Christmas by tossing olive leaves on the burning Yule log. Tradition decrees that if girl and man, curl toward each other, the lovers can expect their happiness to be long-lived.

If the leaves burn apart, their romance may be fraught with difficulties. The best result, however, is if the leaves burn to a crisp. This means their love is deep and all-enduring.

**Foreign Teaching
Posts Available**

Officials from the U. S. Department of Defense Schools overseas will interview qualified candidates for foreign teaching posts by appointment only on Feb. 5, 6, 25, 26, 27, 1965 at the Professional Office, Massachusetts Division of Employment Security, 31 St. James Ave., Boston.

These schools need both elementary and high school teachers for the 1965-1966 school year. Openings also exist for school librarians, guidance people, specialists, dormitory supervisors, and some administrators. Department of Defense Schools are located in the Azores, Bermuda, Crete, Denmark, England, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Quantanamo Bay, Cuba, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Labrador, Libya, Midway Island, Morocco, Netherlands, Newfoundland, Norway, Okinawa, Pakistan, Philippines, Scotland, Spain, Taiwan, Trinidad and Turkey.

General qualifications for teachers include a bachelor's degree, 18 semester hours in professional educational courses, and two years of teaching experience within the last five years. The minimum age is 21, as of Aug. 1, 1964. Women must be single.

Free transportation overseas and return is provided on fulfillment of contract. Rent-free living quarters are available in most areas. Salary for the instructional staff is \$4435 for the school year with additional compensation for graduate study. The tour of duty is one year.

Interested educators who qualify should arrange for application and appointment procedure by contacting the Mass. Division of Employment Security immediately at 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, or telephoning HA 6-3485.

"IESOUS"

"Iesous ahatonchia!"

These words of joy and exultation come from Canada's first Christmas carol.

If they seem somewhat incomprehensible, the explanation is simple. They are written in the language of the Huron Indians. The meaning is, "Jesus is born!"

The carol of the Huron nation was written by Father Jean Brebeuf, Jesuit missionary who came to the land of the Hurons in 1626.

Father Brebeuf worked with the Hurons in the Canadian wilderness for 23 years, helping them and composing for them a poem in their own language. Then, during an attack by the Iroquois, he was captured and tortured to death.

In his martyrdom, his words live on, for the Hurons remembered their carol, "Iesous ahatonchia!"

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**Special Christmas
Programs on WWLP**

Thursday, Dec. 24

1:00-1:30 p.m. Kitty Broman is hostess for the annual Christmas party for the small children of WWLP staff members. There will be impromptu carols, refreshments and a visit from Santa.

11:30-12 Mid. — The "NBC Christmas Card to the Nation" featuring Skitch Henderson as host, the NBC Symphony Orchestra, the Norman Luboff Choir and others. (Color)

12-1:45 A.M. — Midnight Mass from St. Michael's Cathedral.

Friday, Dec. 25

7:00-9:00 a.m. — Kukla, Fran, and Ollie will be featured with Hugh Downs on the "Today" Christmas Show.

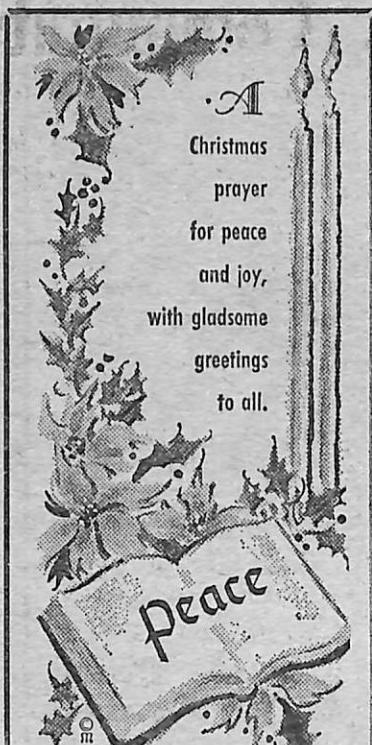
9:00-1:00 a.m. — "Chalice of Salvation" with Fr. Fidelis Rice as narrator-producer.

12:30-1:30 p.m. — "Festival of Lights and Carols" from Washington, (D.C.) Cathedral

8:00-8:30 p.m. — "Christmas Concert" with the Massachusetts Mutual Choir; Joanne Brunt; Mary Zolagz in the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy; Janet Andrews narrating "The Littlest Angel." Tom Colton, host.

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From that time on Christmas cards have faithfully chronicled the manners, customs and events of their times.

One Christmas card collection, that of Norcross, Inc., greeting card publishers, houses hundreds of cards that capture for posterity the fads and foibles, changes and evolution in sports, fashions, modes of transportation, current events, filial love, amusements, even children's pastimes and music making.

According to Miss Esther Mooney, who is curator of the collection, many of the cards are gems of social comment.

"In an English card of 1892," said Miss Mooney, "the formality

existing between children and parents in that Victorian era is quite clearly expressed by the artist. He depicts a little girl on bended knee at her mother's feet solemnly offering her a Christmas bouquet. Just 40 years later, a Christmas card of 1930 shows how relaxed filial relations had become with its breezy greeting that says, '3 cheers 4 a Merry Christmas and you, Dad!'

Christmas card artists have always been quick to pick on innovations as subjects.

The advent of the horseless carriage was duly recognized in a card of 1910. Cut out in the shape of a car of that vintage, it cheerfully puns:

"You 'Auto' be Happy
As you, on Pleasure's
Motor-Car
Steer merrily thro' Christ-
mastide . . .
Speed gaily as fun always
'Auto!'"

And in 1950, the early days of television were noted in a Christmas greeting which shows Santa tuning in TV.

An historic event is frequently the inspiration for a Christmas card. When Lindberg flew the Atlantic, the artist drew his "Spirit of St. Louis" flying over New York on a 1927 Christmas card.

During World Wars One and Two Christmas cards became unblushingly patriotic. Verses like "On Christmas Night . . . With Holly Berries Gleaming Bright, Our Thoughts fly true O'er Ocean Blue and take a Christmas Wish to you" on a 1917 card brought balm to homesick doughboys.

Personalities who were household words of their times often popped up in Christmas cards. A topical card of 1934 offered five famous faces for the price of one. It showed the Duke of Windsor (then the Prince of Wales) Mussolini, Garbo, Chevalier and Mae West all wishing the lucky recipient seasonal greetings in their own particular style.

In 1959 Christmas cards entered the space age when Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov decorated his season's greetings with pictures of three Lunik satellites. And after John Glenn's space flight, American card companies came out with a spate of cards that featured space ships, orbiting Santas and rockets.

In the prosperous 1960's Christmas cards have blossomed forth with a rash of current status symbols. Victorian cards showed the magic lantern or the piano every well-to-do Victorian home possessed.

On Christmas greetings of today, it's the transistor radio and the stereo hi-fi, the set of golf clubs or the scooter, elegant ladies in furs and golden Cadillacs that mingle with the holly and mistletoe.

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Seeking Log Was Family Affair

The traditional Yule log survives today more in art, song and story than as an actual "blazing Yule." After all, not every home has a fireplace nowadays and even when a fireplace exists, its proportions are usually far from sufficient to accommodate the Yule logs of yesteryear.

During ancient times in England, however, it was a solemn family ritual to select the log, dry it and burn it according to custom. Logs from fruit-bearing trees were preferred.

The whole family went along to select the log, as this was thought to bring good luck for the coming year, and to frighten away any witches.

If the log burned out quickly, or did not burn brightly, it meant bad luck ahead.

On Christmas morning, the children of the household beat upon the log and called for gifts to come forth. They were scolded by their parents, sent outside and, after a time, called in to open the gifts, which had been set near the log.

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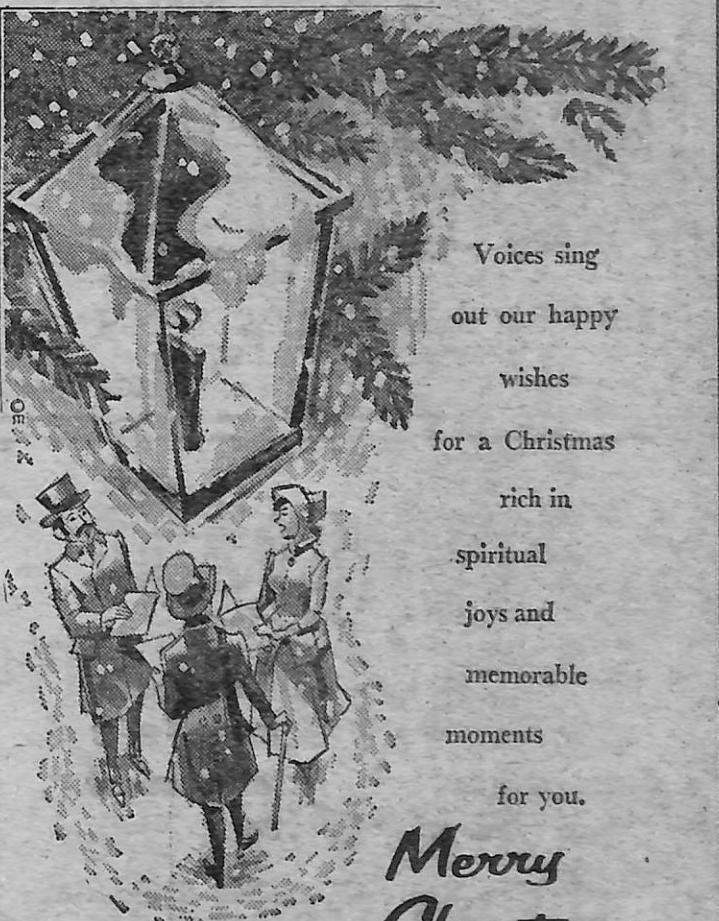
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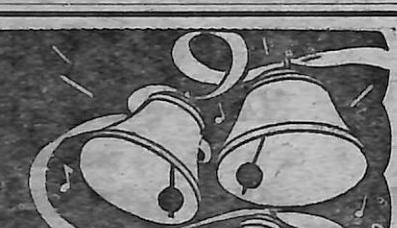
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The public is invited to the New Year's Eve Party to be held at the Legion Home. Baked chicken, ham, salads and rolls will be served. Reservations may be made at the Legion Home or with the Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Frank LaMountain.

Little Towns Of Bethlehem Celebrate

Several states, all over the United States, can boast of having their very own little town of Bethlehem.

In New England, for example, there's a place named Bethlehem in New Hampshire, and another in Connecticut.

Moving across country, Bethlehems are found in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana, and Iowa.

People from nearby communities and neighboring states flock to Bethlehem, Conn., every Christmas to have their greeting card envelopes imprinted with a special seasonal message, then mailed from the town post office.

Last year, due to the demand, there were ten different greeting designs available for Christmas card senders.

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Also contributing to the holiday atmosphere in Connecticut's semi-official Christmas town is the creche constructed by nuns at a nearby Benedictine monastery.

In the creche, which emphasizes the primitive simplicity of the Nativity, are life-sized figures of the Virgin and Joseph, dressed in peasant garb, and a crib with the Christ Child, covered by a bright patchwork quilt.

At Christmas, the nuns also make and offer for sale, liturgically-inspired tree ornaments.

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When Christmas Groups Gather, It's Game Time

Everyone's a child at Christmas time, and that's why there's nothing as much fun when family and friends gather as game-playing. Since Christmas groups usually include both children and adults, games that both can enjoy are best.

The following games can be played with no special equipment, other than that on hand.

Charades . . .

Christmas charades is a lively game that the whole family will enjoy.

Divide the group into two teams. Individual members of teams are called upon to act out a word, character, phrase, scene or situation—and since it's Christmas, all the charades should have Christmas overtones.

Subjects are supplied on a slip of paper by the opposing team and then passed on to the "actor." From here on, it's his job to see how quickly he can get his teammates to guess what he is acting out.

"The Night Before Christmas," "Jingle, Bells," "A Partridge in a Pear Tree," and "Filling the Christmas Stocking" are just some of the many, many subjects that can be used.

Word Play . . .

A popular pencil-and-paper game is called "word play." The object of the game is to see how many words can be made from a phrase such as "Merry Christmas to All." A time limit is set, and the rule is that no letter can be used in any word more often than it appears in the phrase.

In other words, words made from "Merry Christmas to All" can include no more than one "e," "i" or "o," while they could contain as many as two "m's" or three "r's."

Since word play involves competition among its players, it's advisable to allow the children to compete against one another, while the adults battle it out among themselves.

State Revenue

State revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1964 amounted to \$847,748,636.96.

Of this total 15.4% or \$130,717,563.39 was the State's share from income tax collections.

Corporations, banks and insurance companies taxes amounted to \$118,132,488.88 or 14%.

10.3% of the total revenue or \$86,916,346.40 was from motor fuel taxes.

The taxes from cigarettes amounted to 5% or \$42,556,868.92.

Other taxes, such as inheritance, racing, alcoholic beverages and meal taxes provided the Commonwealth with 9.8% or \$83,893,403.50 of the total revenue.

Of the total revenue of the Commonwealth for the 1964 fiscal year the State's share in taxes alone amounted to 54.5% or \$462,216,671.09.

17.4% of the State's revenue was from Federal Grants. This amounted to \$147,608,683.73 of which \$83,909.17 was returned to the Federal Government from expired programs before the money was spent.

Another 9% or \$76,257,392.49 represented Federal reimbursements, of which \$73,317,001.72 was for highway construction.

6.2% of the total revenue or \$52,226,606.95 was received during the fiscal year by the Commonwealth in departmental revenue such as fees, licenses, rents, sales, etc.

3.2% or \$26,814,282.70 represented motor vehicle license and registration fee collections for the year.

9.7% of the State's 1964 fiscal year revenue or \$82,625,000.00 was derived from bond and note issues (borrowed money).

As of June 30, 1964 the potential State Direct Debt stood at \$1 billion. This represents the principal of the outstanding debt \$743 million and the unissued bonds and notes \$257 million. The amount of interest to be paid on the outstanding debt to the final year of maturity (1999) amounts to \$168 million and the amount of interest that will be paid on the unissued bonds and notes after issue is estimated at \$65 million, making the total estimated interest to maturity on issued and unissued bonds and notes \$233 million. The total cost of the State

Direct Debt—issued and unissued bonds and notes as of June 30, 1964—principal and estimated interest is 1 billion 233 millions of dollars.

Alecks says that interest rates run from 1.25% to 3.70%—averaging about 2.75%.

What is a billion dollars?

Alecks says that if one spends one thousand dollars a day, it will take three thousand years to spend one billion dollars.

In Japan

December 25 is not a national holiday in Japan, but you'd never know it from the colorful store decorations and the happy squeals of youngsters gifted by "Santa Claus San."

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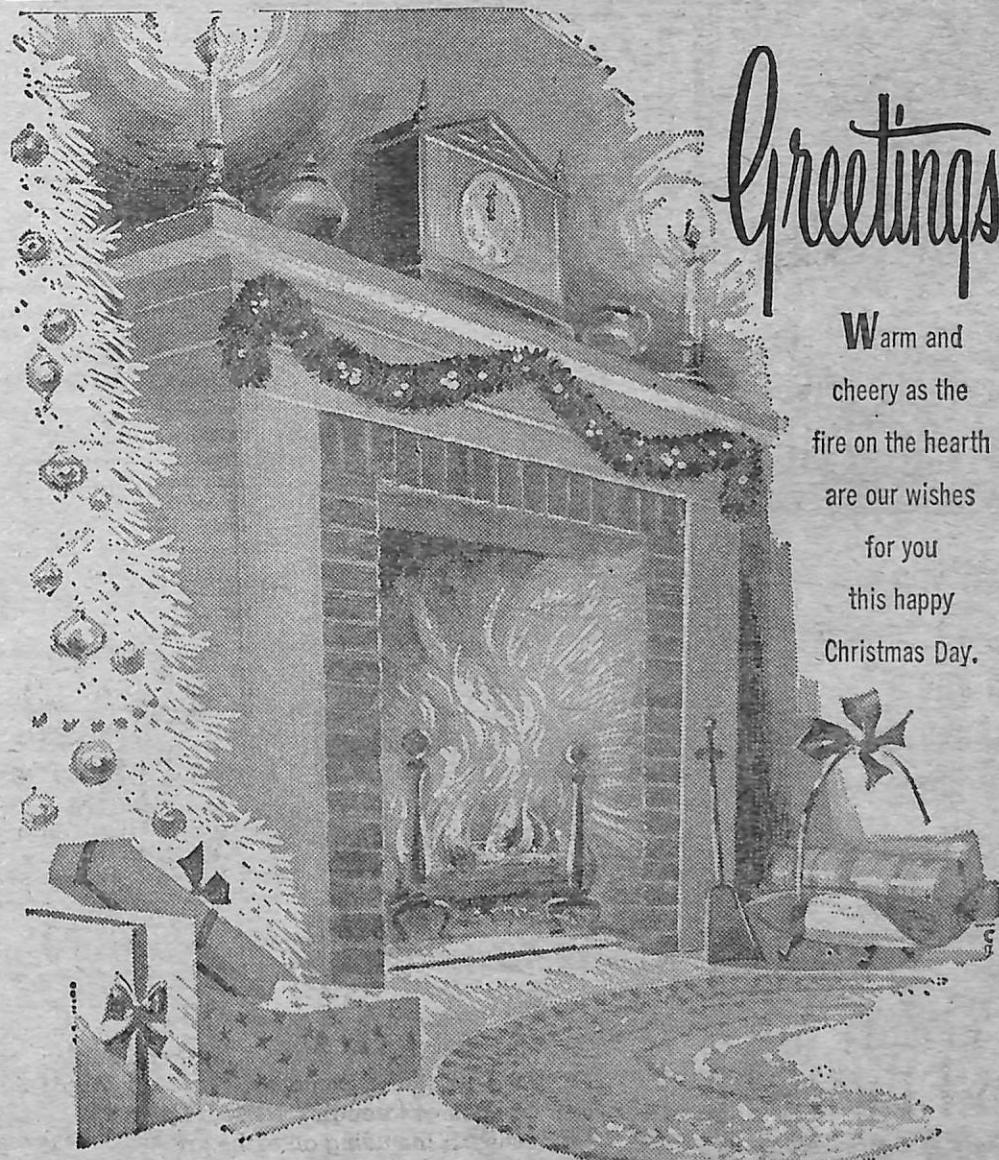
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For Decoration

Candles, apples, colored papers—these were among the early tree ornaments.

Later, individual countries developed their own tree-decorating ideas. Straw windmills and birdcages appeared on Lithuanian trees, while the Poles devised ornaments from feathers and ribbons.

Tree decorations contributed by Scandinavian countries were as various as fish nets and miniature flags.

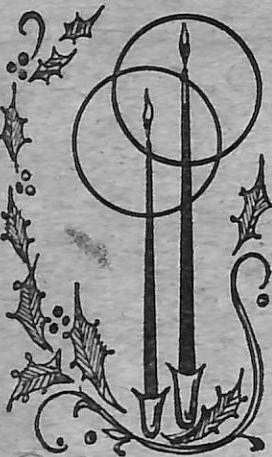
The modern array of tree ornaments is vast and imaginative, but even so many families like to add their own personal, "old-fashioned" touch to the tree, with decorations such as paper chains and strings of popcorn or cranberries.

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"Jingle, Bells" Sings Of Snow and Sleigh

"Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh;
O'er the field we go, laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright;
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight!"

"A day or two ago I thought I'd take a ride;
And soon Miss Fannie Bright was seated by my side.
The horse was lean and lank, misfortune seem'd his lot;
He got into a drifted bank, and we, we got upset."

"Now the ground is white; go it while you're young;
Take the girls tonight, and sing this sleighing song.
Just hitch him to an open sleigh, and crack! you'll take the lead."

REFRAIN:
"Jingle, bells! Jingle, bells! Jingle all the way!
O! What fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh!"

Although it says not a word about Christmas, the song, "Jingle, Bells," is now a familiar part of the holiday season. The spirited description of "Dashing thro' the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh" conjures up visions of the old-fashioned Yuletide nearly everyone remembers—or likes to think he remembers.

Usually it is thought of as "Jingle, Bells," but early copies of the song show that the title was really meant to be "Jingle, Bells"—with a comma added to make it a command to the bells to go into action.

Both the melody and lyrics were written by James Pierpont, who was the son of a minister and who ran away to sea at the age of 14.

Pierpont wrote the song in the late 1850's, according to Encyclopedia Americana. He was then living in the Boston suburb of Medford where, at the time, the only piano in the entire village was located in the parlor of Simp-

son's Tavern. It was there Pierpont picked out the "Jingle, Bells" melody.

"The Boar's Head"

"The boar's head in hand bear I,
Bedecked with bays and rosemary."

"The Boar's Head Carol," source of this quotation, appeared in the first collection of English carols, printed in 1521, and is still sung on Christmas Day at Queens College, Oxford.

Other colleges of Oxford had their own versions of the same song. "The boar is dead; lo, here is the head," remarked the carol sung at St. John's, while "The boar's head in hand I bring. With garlands gay and birds singing" was the version heard at Balliol.

Even in early times, the "boar" romantically referred to as traditional at the feast was probably a pig. The wild boar is believed to have been extinct in Britain early in the 12th century.

Shepherd Maiden . . .

Shepherds are familiar figures in Christmas stories and carols, such as "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night."

More novel, but equally established in tradition, is the story of the shepherders who visited the stable on the first Christmas night.

"D'où viens-tu, bergere?" (or, "Whence Come You, Shepherd Maiden?") was brought to Canada in the 17th century, by early French settlers. In the carol, a questioner asks the shepherdess where she has been and in turn describes the manger scene.

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The saint, who lived from about 1230 to 1306 A.D., had a good precedent for his interest in carols in St. Francis himself. To St. Francis is traced the creation of the first creche or manger scene, in 1223 A.D. Villagers gathered around the scene and sang hymns to the Christ Child.

Lighting Candles

Martin Luther, the Reformation leader, is credited by some legend collectors with decorating the first lighted Christmas tree. He lit candles and placed them on the boughs of an evergreen—a custom that would be frowned on today, when fire safety is the rule in Christmas decorating.

By lighting the candles and decking the tree, he hoped to show his family some small reflection of the glory and inspiration of the heavens on the first Holy Night.

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Carolers Were Once Dancers

The first Christmas carols were danced to, according to Encyclopedia International, Carolers took hands and formed a ring, singing as they went round.

Oldest of all carols, it has been said, was that sung by the heavenly host when the birth of the Saviour was announced to the Shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem. Probably, the practice of singing carols at Christmas arose in imitation of this, as the majority of carols declared the good tidings of great joy, and the title of Noel, nowell or novelle, applied to carols, would seem to bear out this idea.



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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

By Bill Chiba

Massachusetts deer checking stations reported examining a total of 548 deer at the eight stations spotted around the state during the deer week just closed, plus another 13 at Otis Air Force Base and 70 at camps on Cape Cod. This compares favorably with the 690, not including the mobile Cape check, reported last year.

This is only a small proportion of the total kill, however. At noon last Monday, hunter reports to the Director, as required by law, totalled 1,502, with more coming in daily.

Third Year Without Fatality

Mass. has completed its third year in a row without a single fatality resulting from a hunter being mistaken for game. Four accidents were reported during deer season, of which two were self-inflicted and two resulted from hunters foolishly shooting at an unidentified noise.

Trout by the Million

The Vermont Fish and Game Dept. is currently taking on its annual quota of trout and salmon eggs in order to fulfill plans for stocking waters of the state in 1965—salmon, brook, brown, rainbow, and lake trout are included.

By the end of January, two and one-half million eggs from Manitoba and Quebec in Canada, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be at various stages of development in Vermont hatcheries. If each of these eggs be-

came an adult trout or salmon as nature intended, the combined capacity of Vermont's hatcheries would be far exceeded. The overage, however, is planned in order to compensate for potential losses. With good experience in this respect, the over-abundance of fish would dictate the stocking of fingerlings in waters compatible to them thus providing additional space for growing salmonoids to greater size in the hatcheries.

Something New

A new strain of rainbow trout for Vermont is being tried this year along with the older one utilized in the past. The new strain is noted for its rapid growth and was developed at the Bowden Hatchery of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Elkins, West Virginia. There, fishery men have been able to produce 15 inch trout in 15 months. It is doubtful that similar results can be attained here but it is hoped that at least 10 inches can be realized in 15 to 18 months.

A Gift or a Problem?

Giving a pet to a child at Christmas can be a memorable event if everyone is prepared, says Dr. Eric H. Hansen, President of the Mass. S. P. C. A. On the other hand, the unexpected arrival of a pet on one of the busiest days of the year can turn a happy holiday into turmoil and a sad experience for the pet.

While the child you have in mind may deeply want a pet, consult the parents since they will have to care for the animal or supervise the youngster's care of it. Try to select a pet which is suited to the tastes, space and means of the new owners-to-be. If the child is very young, it might be better to give a stuffed toy animal.

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Most Memorable

No two Christmases are ever alike—but this one, surely, must be the most memorable of all. Each year it seems so, and each year it's true. Every Christmas is more delightful than the last, if only because it is enriched by one more memory of Christmas past.

Memories and traditions mount up to make the Christmas customs of today. Most such customs began so long ago that their exact and accurate origin is hidden in the mists of time, and several theories may be put forward to explain why and how each custom developed.

Happily, the wealth of legend and lore woven about Christmas is pleasing rather than confusing. Especially at this season, a touch of the magical and mystical is more to be welcomed than a deluge of precise factual detail, and one of the special charms of Christmas customs is the hint of mystery surrounding them.

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Dolls Play Dual Role



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On Christmas morning, little girls throughout the land will lovingly cuddle new dolls and declare to one and all how wonderful a gift they have received. At the same time, beautiful creche dolls will be displayed in churches and homes as part of the Christmas setting.

This dual role — as toy and as religious symbol — is a function that dolls have filled for centuries, according to Encyclopedia Americana. And it is generally believed that the first use of dolls was religious, rather than for entertainment.

Historians report the doll originally was used as a representation of human figures in religious sanctuaries. The word "doll" itself, in fact, is derived from the Greek word "eidolon," meaning "idol."

Archaeologists have unearthed dolls in the ruins of tombs thou-

sands of years old. And their presence in the tombs is assumed by some historians to mean the objects were included as idols.

Among some ancient societies, dolls were thought to possess mystical powers. Many primitive tribes included such figures in burials as a spirit to keep the deceased company in another world. Today, in addition to the creche dolls of Christendom, dolls hold a religious importance in the Orient, where annual doll festivals were held to celebrate the birthday of Buddha.

As toys, dolls have existed for centuries. The earliest toy dolls known were discovered in the Near East and Greece. These primitive dolls were made of clay, stone or bone.

Typical was the legless paddle doll of ancient Egypt, which was made from a single, flat piece of pottery or wood.

Although dolls today may be extremely complex and filled with electrical gadgets, dolls of the 17th and 18th centuries frequently were even more elaborate.

They became so elaborate, in fact, that they were sent to court and in times of war special dispensations were made to assure their safe transport to a peaceful refuge, like works of art.

Youngsters Told Where Santa Is "Right At Home"

Along with "Why is the sky blue?" and "Why can't I see the wind?", the favorite question of children everywhere is very often, "Where does Santa Claus live when Christmas is all over?"

Parents faced with this puzzler needn't get involved in explanations of just what and where is the North Pole. They can answer, with a straight face and a map to back them up, "Why, Santa Claus, Indiana, of course!"

Or how about Bells, Tennessee; Evergreen, Alabama; Holly, Washington; or Noel, Missouri, as suitable quarters for Santa?

These are just a sample of the many towns and villages all over the country that are named in the spirit of Christmas, in the hope of preserving the good will and cheer of this happy season all year.

There's only one disadvantage to living in one of these towns. Local parents, faced with the question, "Where does Santa live?" certainly can't say, "Why, right here in Christmas, Arizona, son," or the next logical question would be, much to Dads' consternation, "Yippee! Why don't we go visit him?"

In Holland

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Rudolph would cause no excitement in the Netherlands, where children believe that a horse pulls St. Nicholas' sleigh.

The great horse is named Sleipner, and the Dutch children fill their wooden shoes with hay for him. This gives him energy to get St. Nick to every house.

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Rudolph of the Red Nose Adds

To Fame of Santa's Reindeer

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!" Here, just as Santa said them, are the names of the "eight tiny reindeer" who drew his "miniature sleigh," according to Clement C. Moore in his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas."

But, since Moore wrote his poem in 1823, Santa must have added some new reindeer. It's certain that he has at least one famous sleigh-puller not mentioned in the poem—the red-nosed Rudolph.

Rudolph made his first public appearance in 1939, in the song, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," with words and music by Johnny Marks.

The story of Rudolph, whose red nose made him first a joke and then a hero, seems to have the indefinable appeal that makes a Yuletide tradition. As the other reindeer in the song predicted, when Rudolph's red nose led the

team through a dark, overcast Christmas Eve, it seems likely he'll go down in Yuletide history, a permanent part of the legend and lore of Santa Claus.



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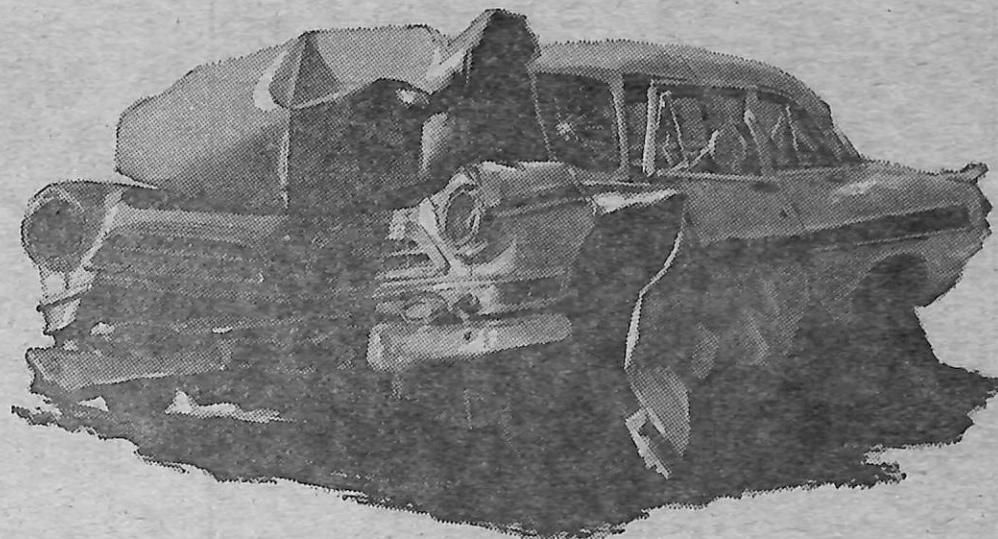
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"STAY ALIVE IN '65"



*Keep The "Merry" In Christmas
This Holiday Season —
Be "Here" For The New Year*



The Registry of Motor Vehicles suggests this New Year's resolution for you: STAY ALIVE IN '65! Keep your car in A-1 condition, adjust speed to changes in road and weather conditions, keep a good distance between your vehicle and others, yield the right of way, pass only in the clear, signal intention of turning well in advance, be considerate of your passengers and pedestrians, and stay alert!

Brightly-decorated streets and store windows are tempting distractions to drivers. Pedestrians are also looking at these same sights and may not see your vehicle. Be alert — watch the road at all times — and avoid accidents.

Everyone is in a holiday mood at this time of year. The Registry of Motor Vehicles will not tolerate driving after drinking. Law enforcement officers have seen too many evidences of hilarity leading to tragedy, and the worst cases all too often have occurred on holidays following a gay party. If you must drink at a holiday celebration, let someone who is sober drive you home.

Whether planning to attend services in church or to take part in a New Year's Eve celebration, everyone driving an automobile must be extra alert to the hazards inherent in holiday traffic.

An obvious danger during the holidays is the unwise use of liquor by drivers and pedestrians. Another danger is that people seem to concentrate on their plans for the evening's enjoyment and regard driving as of secondary importance. This leads to inattention. Traffic authorities and enforcement officers will put forth their maximum efforts during these holiday periods. Augmented by auxiliary police, they will do their utmost to keep the highway tragedy-free. Motorists are urged to RING OUT THE OLD YEAR AND RING IN THE NEW, IN SAFETY.

The Registry of Motor Vehicle joins in wishing every citizen a HAPPY NEW YEAR. But, unfortunately, wishing alone will not make a safe holiday. Your conscientious effort to drive safely and walk sensibly is required IF YOU ARE TO HAVE A REALLY HAPPY NEW YEAR. Resolve now to STAY ALIVE IN '65.

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